

Delaware Human Trafficking Coordinating Council

Public Awareness Committee Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2017

In attendance person/conference call: Mary McDonough, Christian Craig, Patty D'Angelo, Wendy Gallagher, Elisa Lehman, Annamarie McDermott, Nancy McGee, Jashina Miller, Bri-Ann Perkins, Yolanda Schlabach and Fay Whittle

Note: If I have missed anyone that attended or who was on the conference call, or if I spelled a name incorrectly, please advise.

Next Meeting is Friday, April 21, 2017 3- 430 pm

Next Meetings going forward the meetings will continue to be the third Friday of the month

Location: 500 N. King Street, Court House – CCP conference room

Conference call information:

Call: 1-877-366-0711

Participant's code: 85006785#

Leader's code: 82059846#

Topics discussed:

1. February 17, 2017 minutes were approved and forwarded to the HTCC admin.
2. Printing update – we finalized our photo selection for the revised flyers. I am working with our graphic designer for final proofs. Nancy McGee is in the process of obtaining the Creole and Mandarin language in a word document for our designer to input in the language/photo specific version of the flyers.
3. Yolanda Schlabach provided a revised list of her events to date for 2017. Updates distributed to the HT-PA committee.

Key topic: Wawa

Wawa's and the posting of the HT Public Awareness flyers are completed across the state. The Millsboro Wawa was reposted. We do need volunteers to periodically revisit and repost the flyers as they may have been taken by those in need. This will need to be an ongoing effort.

Updates from subcommittees including events scheduled

1. DeIDOT- Transportation – Silvana Croope and Stephanie Johnson (co-chairs)

Update from Silvana Croope:

Our Phase II research with Volpe, group that is working on a national scan on training to combat human trafficking to State DOTs has started.

They have meetings scheduled to discuss a partnership between DeIDOT and DSP to identify and define cooperation and strategies.

DeIDOT will be continuing their discussions on training opportunities funds and other activities to partner with. DeIDOT has facilitated the engagement of TAT with DMTA and has started looking at how and where are the best ways to getting work done in their own agency and as part of the Council in combatting human trafficking. Truckers against Traffickers are growing solid in their work and they are happy they are present in our State helping to fight this problem.

DeIDOT did get their project funded that they submitted to the National Academies through the Transportation Research Board. Silvana, please let me know if I need to add anything here?

While DeIDOT has HAZMAT research that includes a national scan on existing training for DOT's, this does not impede certain actions to be taken in parallel. It actually makes things interesting because our group of professionals is growing in knowledge and understanding of specific needs and ways to get work done.

DeIDOT and HAZMAT -Combat of Human Trafficking research, will be giving a presentation at our May 19th, HT-PA committee meeting in Wilmington in the CCP conference room at 3pm.

Patty spoke to Stephanie Johnson, DeIDOT. She will have an update on DeIDOT's planned strategy with DMV. Additionally, as noted in earlier minutes, Stephanie has met with Delaware Senator Delcollo's aide, Brian Fahey, he has questions that this committee will need to discuss at our next meeting, April 21st, Stephanie will be attending.

2. Medical subcommittee

Annamarie McDermott and Jashina Miller

Update from Annamarie McDermott

Medical Subcommittee has 10 Saint Francis Hospital members from various disciplines (2 social workers, 2 maternity representatives, coordinator from Tiny Steps pregnant mothers programs, radiology, trauma program coordinator, and 2 ED nurses including nursing director.) Angela Drew and Lisa Steele from Wilmington University's nursing program and Wendy Gill from Delaware Valley Outcomes research.

Follow up for additional members:

Annamarie to reach to Dr Lawless at AI DuPont.

Annamarie to reach out Christiana Care's forensic RNs. **Patty D'Angelo to re-forward contact info.**

Note: this was completed. PD.

Annamarie to reach out to Saint Francis' maternity director and social worker to determine if they have contacts at DAPI (DE Adolescent Program). **DAPI contact and email address provided** and contact was made to/with Eileen Wilkerson.

Annamarie to inquire at DE Behavioral Healthcare Council if any of those members would want to participate in medical subcommittee.

Bri'Ann Perkins of Tiny Steps to reach out to Bayard House, residential program for at-risk, homeless, pregnant and/or newly parenting adolescents, young women, and their babies.

Yolanda Schlabach offered to be liaison to Dr Jeff Barrows, national medical expert on human trafficking. She can also establish contacts at Beebe and Nanticoke.

Discussion for a statewide hospital symposium – is one scheduled, more information needed?

Rita Landgraf was added to the Medical Sub-committee.

Goals:

Medical subcommittee first meeting 3rd or 4th week of April

Sub-committee goal: forum for medical providers with Dr. Jeff Barrow

2. Education – Johanna Bishop, Eleanor Kiesel (co-chairs), Murphy Marbury, Lori Sitler, and Angela Steele- Tilton.

New event, HT panel discussion is scheduled at St. Helena's for May 10, 2017, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Flyer has been revised a few times, final will be sent out after April 21st meeting. – Dorothy Medeiros, Sally Millbury-Steen, Fay Whittle, Yolanda Schlabach and Johanna Bishop are all part of this discussion. The League of Women Voters is also involved with this event. **Commissioner mentioned inviting Elizabeth Van Pelt and Periann Doko to this event. If their emails are needed please let Patty know.**

Wilm U has an event scheduled for July 17, 2017, location and time to follow; with Holly Austin Smith, author of Walking Prey, and trafficking survivor, Ms. Smith was trafficked in Atlantic City, New Jersey will be speaking. We encourage folks to purchase her book.

Joanna, any additional Wilm U updates, please let us know.

4. Retail outreach and high school volunteers - Syreeta Scott, Sunny Rayarapu, Dennis Jones and Leslie Brower.

No update for March 24, 2017.

Do we have an update or a volunteer needed to pursue Royal Farms and 7- Eleven's?

5. Hospitality/Hotel update = Laurie Guinard and Mary Darby co-chairs A broader focus will begin on HT Public Awareness for hotels. This subcommittee will be in contact with the VP of Government relations with Marriott. Laurie Guinard plans to attend our next meeting, April 21, 2017, she was out of town and unable to attend the March 24th meeting. There has been some press and documentation distributed to this committee on HT and hotel involvement, specifically Philadelphia hotel, Roosevelt Inn. "First of kind lawsuit accuses NE Philly hotel of accommodating sex trafficking."

Discussion with Elisa Lehman:

Elisa asked our committee to utilize the Polaris, National hotline number as noted on our HT Public Awareness Flyer, however, callers who are members of the public need to be specific and detailed in the information provided on the call.

Specifically, Elisa asked that the FBI or other law enforcement be contacted when there is true suspicion of a crime taking place or knowledge that one has taken place. Elisa asked that the public not contact them because you see a van near or outside of a massage parlor or driving down the road or you see a man park his car and enter a massage parlor.

We all realize resources are slim both at a Federal and State level for victim services; this is extremely unfortunate for the victims. Advocates have to scramble and be creative with resources. Safety is so critical for these victims.

Salvation Army has been helpful and we are all thankful for the beds they make available for HT victims. Salvation Army does start with a 90 day limit, however, they do extend when necessary.

Availability for HUDD resources was mentioned and the dire need for housing for HT victims/survivors. Patty will research a potential HUDD contact and information. Fay mentioned there is housing for HT victims/survivors in other states.

It was discussed there is a growing need to create more specialized training for Human Trafficking when working with foster care and private agencies.

New Topic for April 21, 2017

- 1. Discuss HT-PA committee member list. Identify the members who want to actively participate and members who would prefer to only receive the HT- PA information. Patty can set up two lists.**

Phase 2

1. Adult Entertainment - with law Enforcement
2. Human Trafficking Public Awareness materials printed in other languages, both in Spanish and Mandarin translation was completed, working on finalizing the documentation of the Creole language. **Updated HT Public Awareness flyers with revised photos are in final phase.**
3. Web site for HT Public Awareness
4. Public Awareness for Labor Trafficking and Human Trafficking of Children. More children than we think are being trafficked between the hours of 3pm and 6pm.
5. Addition of a Bereavement subcommittee – Mary Darby interested in being a member of this committee.
6. Addition of a Speakers Bureau subcommittee – in progress with Yolanda Schlabach